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1. MOST GREEK PAPERS HAVE REPORTED THE MID-WEEK TRIP BY GENERAL DAVOS, NATIONAL DEFENSE GENERAL STAFF CHIEF, TO BRUSSELS FOR TALKS WITH SACEUR (REFTEL) IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER BASED ON A LOW-KEY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT. HOWEVER, AN EXAGGERATED MARCH 16 STORY IN THE PAN HELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK) WEEKLY, EXORMISI, TRIGGERED SOME MORE DETAILED GOG COMMENTS.

2. EXORMISI HEADLINED THE ALLEGED RESULT OF THE HAIG-DAVOS TALK: "GREECE AS OF TODAY (IS) IN NATO BY HASTY DECISION OF GENERAL HAIG" AND CHARGED, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY SOURCE, THAT GREECE'S FULL "RETURN TO THE MILITARY  
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STRUCTURE IS TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT MONTH. THE HAIG-DAVOS AGREEMENT WAS DESCRIBED AS SIMPLY A "RATIFICATION" OF ARRANGEMENTS DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF HAD MADE DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE U.S. IN MEETING WITH SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN.

3. A GOG SPOKESMAN LABELLED THE EXORMISI STORY "IN-

ACCURATE," SAID THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" GREECE SEEKS  
WITH NATO IS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION," AND DENIED  
AVEROFF HAD MET BROWN. DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCES ELABORA-  
TED THAT TALKS ABOUT THE NEW STATUS OF GREEK ARMED FORCES  
WITH NATO HAD NOT YET STARTED. RATHER, THE DAVOS-HAIG  
MEETING ("ONLY A FEW HOURS") WAS A PREREQUISITE FOR  
PREPARING" SUCH TALKS, WHICH IN TURN WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS  
"PLANNING, MOVEMENT, WEAPONS, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMA-  
TION AND OTHER DETAILS."  
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